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NEGROES DENIED RIGHT TO VOLUNTEER

200,000 Young Colored Men, Subjected To Draft, Want Right To Offer Service Like Others. Action of Government Thus Far Unprecedented In History of Country. Causes Much Comment and a Protest. Concription Denies Right To Choose Between Army, Navy, Marine or Aviation Corps.

White Men Begged Daily To Make Their Selection

According to the expectation of war officials, over 200,000 Negroes will be drafted in this country without even having an opportunity to volunteer. The loyalty of the Negro has never been successfully questioned, and the interest in volunteering has been taken place this week between some gentlemen concerning the selective conscription law recognized this fact; yet the regret was expressed that the Negro alone, of all American citizens, had been denied the opportunity of having his patriotism tested through the volunteer system, as did other patriots of the country. The limited classes he had been permitted to join, and those few men needed to fill regiments and raise battalions to regimental strength were forthcoming; while even now the doors of opportunity are open to all but the Negro, to of their own free will, offer their lives for the defense of their country. Negroes would have welcomed an invitation for volunteers in unlimited numbers, and the belief is deep seated that the response would have been far more gratifying, generous, and an adequate force could have been given of his willingness to fight for the only flag he knows; but history will be unable to record the offer of the Negro to the call of his country, and can only present possible future deeds of valor on the field of battle, which are sure to come, as often as he gets on the firing line.

Although the War Department has used every effort to make the people believe that conscription is honorable, yet deep down in the hearts of the people the volunteer idea holds the real of honor and refuses to be dethroned. The recruiting officers have taken advantage of the registration and are now daily begging men to enlist now, while they can enter any branch of the service they desire. They tell the men when they are drafted they will have no choice. This opportunity offered the white man, but denied the Negro.

Many hours thinking of "Home, Sweet Home." The Negro conscript, who would have volunteered, will face danger at the sound of the tocsin as quickly as any other, whether his desire to volunteer was withheld from him, or by his own estimation, he may be merely a lowly conscript, fighting beside those who at home refused to age in those who got to make a man, who hold him up to constant ridicule as the "national exception."

Waring Asks President to Remove Military Restrictions

New York, N. Y.,—"I know of no law that prohibits the Negro citizen from enlisting in the Marine Corps, or the artillery or any other branch, other than that unwritten law laid down by militarists in the United States of the German spirit."

This sentence is taken from a letter written by Robert Louis Waring, of this city, to President Wilson, urging, on behalf of the 200,000 Negroes in this country, that he remove all restrictions that prevent them from enlisting in any branch of the military service. Mr. Waring believes that the President, as commander-in-chief of the nation's military forces, has the right, in time of war, to open all branches of the service to all American citizens.

"Although it may be said," wrote Mr. Waring, "that the Twenty-fourth and Twenty-fifth Infantry, and the Ninth and Tenth Cavalry are open to all people for enlistment, Negroes who are abreast of the times are humiliated, outraged that they must be held up to the world falsely as a race of citizens lacking courage enough to lead in battle. Bless the hand that will give me, and the thousands like me, a free hand to serve my country as other men are permitted to serve it."

Barred From Quartermaster's Department

In reply to the application of Paul W. Joseph, of St. Louis, for admittance to the Quartermaster's Department, Captain Frank Newton wrote the following from the headquarters in Chicago: "The Quartermaster Enlisted Reserve Corps has not received as yet any authority to enlist Colored men in any branch of the department. No authority of some future time, such authority will be received, but in the meantime we are not accepting any applications from Colored men."

PEBBLES CAUSE WORKHOUSE RIOT

Report as Usual, Exaggerated by Daily Papers. One Shot Fired

Pebble throwing was the cause of the riot at the workhouse June 7. The pebbles were replaced with rocks and the affair finally ended in a number of Negroes being injured by one load of rocks fired from a shotgun. A white prisoner by the name of Greaser was taunting a Negro by throwing pebbles at him. This led to stone throwing and finally to the Negro being beaten by a gang of whites. When one of the guards saw the trouble he fired one load of his shotgun into the air to attract other guards. He was attacked by several white prisoners and his shotgun taken from him. He held onto the revolver. Greaser, who got the gun, fired its only load at the Negroes, wounding several, one of them losing an eye. Greaser was overpowered and he and another white prisoner have been kept in solitary confinement ever since. The daily papers, as usual, exaggerated in reports of the affair. Only one shot was fired. The guards did not attack the Negro prisoners. The officials informed an Argus reporter that Negro prisoners give very little trouble. Greaser has been in the workhouse a couple of years. His time was out Friday but Director of Public Welfare, John Schuch, stated that he had asked the Circuit Attorney to issue a warrant against him and Walsh, another white prisoner, Thursday.

BAPTIST SUNDAY SCHOOL CONGRESS

Hundreds of Christian Workers Open Big Meeting in Nashville. Executive Board N. B. C. Also in Session Special to the Argus:

Nashville, Tenn., June 13.—Inspired by such an excellent rendition of the Sunday School Congress song, "Hail the Baptist Congress," by the magnificent chorus, hundreds of Sunday school workers were present and participated in the opening of the Twelfth Annual Session of the Sunday School Congress, that had its official opening at 11:30 today at Mt. Olive Baptist Church. More than twenty-four states were represented when the Sunday School Congress secretary made up his roll in the afternoon.

"We are loyal to the Stars and Stripes. We mean to stand by the Constitution and the Flag, and at the same time carry the banner of King Emanuel into every dark corner of this great country," declared Henry Alton Boyd, secretary of this movement, before the magnificent audience, after he had been introduced and read the list of subjects, and made the assignments for the departmental meetings.

Seventy-eight officials, making up the Executive Board of the National Baptist Convention, unincorporated, will hold their session here tomorrow. Practically all of these have already arrived, having come with the various delegations and on special trains with the Sunday School Congress forces.

HON. C. M. WHITE SPEAKS MONDAY

Supreme Commander of American Woodmen Will Be At Union Memorial Church. Musical and Literary Program Begins at 8:15 Sharp. Talk On Old Line and Fraternal Insurance Will Interest Everyone. Admission and Refreshments Free.

Hon. C. M. White, Supreme Commander of the American Woodmen will make his first public appearance in St. Louis at the Union Memorial M. E. Church Monday night, June 18. A musical and literary program will be rendered, beginning at 8:15 sharp. The admission and refreshments will be free.

and has written more than \$300,000 worth of insurance. It is given a rating of 112 per cent solvency, by expert actuaries and actually maintains a 100 per cent solvency, a really wonderful achievement.

The American Woodmen base its appeal to the public, strictly on business soundness and safety. The methods and management were adopted from the start, a fact which has kept the order from ever having to issue extra assessments or increase the burdens of its members in any way. Only educated men and women are employed. "It is no new concern, but has stood the test of sixteen years and has met every claim, paying same in full from three to ten days from date of death or accident. On account of its iron-clad business system there is no chance for any of its officials or employees misappropriate funds or mismanage payments and assume proper credit."



HON. C. M. WHITE, Supreme Commander.



Mr. L. H. Lightner, Supreme Clerk.

Mr. White is an expert insurance man, the only Negro qualified lecturer in America. He is a graduate of the University of Michigan and a trained Monday night he will tell his hearers why adequate premiums, based on the National Fraternal Congress Experience Table of Mortality, are necessary. It will be an excellent opportunity for St. Louisians to hear a real business talk on insurance, both old line and fraternal. The insurance business and methods will be reviewed in a way he, plainly understood by everyone.

THE AMERICAN WOODMEN

The American Woodmen, "Brotherhood of Men" was incorporated in 1901 at Denver, Colorado. The order insures against old age, disability, accident, sickness and death. It has to its credit \$150,000 for the protection of policy holders, has paid \$400,000 as benefits.

K. P. Committee Business League Will Meet In Chattanooga

Spurred enthusiasm piled at the meeting of the Supreme Lodge General Committee of Chicago, held Wednesday night, \$1075 was raised at the meeting, and this, with \$1,127.10 already in the bank, makes a fund of \$2,202.10 ready to start this year's preparation for the big convention and encampment in August.

On June 15, the committee will deposit the money for the check, to be sent to Major General R. H. Jackson to guarantee prize money, and will deposit \$1,000, July 15, for camp expenses. The plans for the camp ground and street decorating are very elaborate. They include the aquatic decoration of Compton Ave., which will be the court of honor, from Market to First. About 40,000 visitors and 10,000 uniformed men in camp are expected.

MAJOR R. H. JACKSON SPEAKS AT COMMENCEMENT

Special to the Argus:

Colonel John H. Honorable R. H. Jackson, of Chicago, member of the State Legislature, delivered an impressive address to the graduates of the Summer High School at the Cairo Opera House Friday evening. June 14. The Pythians gave a snaker in his honor Saturday. The major was the guest of Mrs. W. A. Plummer while here.

Chaple, Chas. G. King, W. E. Van Buren, James Stevens, of Hannibal, and Rome W. England, of Mounds, Ill.

Elmer A. Burgess, of 215 Elwood St., here made application and was examined, but the recruiting office list published in the Argus last week gave the name, Albert Burgess, 212 Alberta. The publishers had no authority to make the correction.

FEW NEGROES CLAIM EXEMPTION

Jefferson City, June 13.—In the conscription registration in Missouri, June 5, more than 63 per cent of the white persons claimed exemption. Of 18,915 Negroes only 3,742 claimed exemption; they thought they should not be drafted.

PROFESSOR COLE HONORED

Prof. R. H. Cole was the recipient recently of a beautiful gold medal, presented to him by the members of the First Baptist Church in appreciation of his valuable service to them. Engraved on the face is a Bible and the words, "Book of Instruction and Lamp of Knowledge."

"Butterfly In Hawaii" Date Changed To Thursday June 28

The date for the presentation of the beautiful play, "A Butterfly In Hawaii," has been changed to Thursday, June 28, when it will be repeated at the Pythian Hall. The cast has been decided to give the public another chance to hear the play, because of an overwhelming demand. There will be good music and dancing after the production.

LOST RELATIVES WANTED

Iverson, Bryant, who came to St. Louis recently from Atlanta, Ga., can learn something of interest to him by calling at the Argus office, 2311 Market St., and ask for the city editor.

W. M. Ford, of Detroit, would like to know the address of his brother, George Alfred Ford or Martin, who is in St. Louis. Any information will be thankfully received by Capt. Hess, of the District, or sub-office Argus.

FLAG SERVICE

Captain Spiritual Church 2727 Lavois Avenue

On June 22 the Christian Spiritual Church will hold its flag services in the interest of the building fund. One of the greatest mediums of Mohin, A. H. H., will speak that evening. All Spiritual Churches are cordially invited to come and help us. Refreshments will be served.

J. S. Weatherford, Rector.

M. Harris, Assistant.

ST. LOUISIAN NAMED ON COMMISSION TO ERECT MONUMENT

Dr. Chas. H. Phillips, Jr., was named as commissioner from Missouri in a bill offered in the House of Representatives by Congressman Dyer recently. The bill provides a commission to secure plans and designs for a monument or memorial to the memory of Negro soldiers and sailors who fought in the wars of our country.

ST. LOUIS Negro Business DIRECTORY

CLASSIFIED ADS

RATES
ONE INSERTION
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FOR SALE—To Colored people, two lots in Farmington Park, near Bridgeton. Cheap. Inquire of Mrs. F. Ryser, 5006 Geraldine Ave., St. Louis, Mo. 6-8-4

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FOR RENT—Neatly furnished rooms for respectable couple, or two gentlemen. All conveniences. Apply 4033A Cook Ave.—Mrs. Hickman. (5-4)

ROOMS WANTED—Two unfurnished rooms by wife and one child. Inquire 2141 Market Street. Phone, Belmont 1152. 6-15-1

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FOR RENT—Neatly furnished room. 2043 Cook. Phone Lindell 2877. Gentlemen preferred. 6-15-4

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National Convention

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You are hereby notified that a national convention of the Walker agents will be held in Philadelphia on August 30, 31, including the meeting many important matters with reference to the future plans of the company will be discussed and explained. Madam Walker is greatly interested in her agents, in their successes and their failures, being extremely anxious to help them, and is now going over plans for the placing of her great manufacturing enterprises on an operative basis so that her agents will share in the profits of the same, all of which will be fully explained at the national convention.

Madam Walker has offered five hundred dollars (\$500) in prizes which will be given out as follows: To the agent sending in the largest number of new agents fifty dollars (\$50); to the agent sending in the largest number of new agents over twenty-five (25), one hundred dollars (\$100); to the agent selling the largest amount of goods, first prize, seventy-five dollars (\$75), second prize fifty dollars (\$50); to the agent returning the largest number of empty boxes over one thousand (1,000) twenty-five dollars (\$25), and to the club selling the largest amount of goods, one hundred dollars (\$100) first prize, second prize, seventy-five dollars (\$75), and third prize, twenty-five dollars (\$25). This contest will close by August 1, 1917. Prizes will be given at the convention on August 30, 31, inclusive. All who wish to enter the contest please send their names at once to the main office, 644 North West Street, Indianapolis, Indiana; that they may be properly listed. All those who cannot enter the contest this year are urged to arrange to enter it next year, as this will be an annual affair. All who wish to expect to attend the national convention, write Mrs. Margaret Thompson, 1504 North Twenty-first Street, Philadelphia, Pa.

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